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# **Environment and Natural Resources Committee DRAFT Minutes**

May 1, 2013 −9:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Joe Schuessler – Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Mike

Sullivan – Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Sean Weidel – Chicago Department of Transportation, Patty Werner – Lake County SMC, Cindy Skrukrud (for Jack Darin) – Illinois Sierra Club, John Grosshans – US Environmental Protection Agency,

Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg

Staff Present: Jesse Elam, Dawn Thompson, Jason Navota, Nora Beck

Others Present: Roxanne Junge -- Illinois Farmers Market Task Force

**1.0 Call to Order** 9:30 a.m.

Sean called the meeting to order at 9:35.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Jesse made two announcements.

- · CMAP's model plans, ordinances and codes for FY 2014 will focus on 5 deliverables, including Sustainability Plans, Conservation Design Ordinance, and Complete Streets.
- Jesse explained that he will be taking on new roles at CMAP and will no longer be serving as the staff liaison to the ENR committee. Jesse introduced Nora Beck, who will be taking on this role in the future.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes—April 3, 2013

The minutes were approved with no changes.

# 4.0 Coordinating Committees Update

None.

**5.0 A New Commute: Bike Share Comes to Chicago** – Sean Wiedel, Chicago Department of

Transportation

Postponed until next meeting on June 5, 2013

**6.0 Facility Planning Area Review Procedure Changes** – Dawn Thompson, CMAP CMAP is reevaluating its role in executing the FPA process to determine how it might better fulfill its area water quality management responsibility and better align the FPA process to the implementation of GO TO 2040. To date, CMAP has revised its FPA Process and Procedures

manual and the draft is available online. Dawn proceeded to highlight some of the changes to the manual and then asked the committee for feedback as part of this ongoing discussion:

- Population forecasts: FPA amendment requests consistent with CMAP's regional forecasts
- Non-point source protection: Municipalities confirming or passing resolutions that they will
  adopt water conservation ordinances and reviewing amendment requests in turns of the
  impacts to the Green Infrastructure Network.
- · Intergovernmental Cooperation: Working on boundary agreements outside of this process
- *Eliminate duplicate efforts:* Collapse the three separate review levels into a single review process. Proposing to cease reviewing NPDES permits and loan applications, which are handled by the Illinois EPA permitting stage.

Questions and comments from the committee included concerns about de-emphasizing some of the current criteria – particularly criteria 1 and 5. Even with IEPA reviewing this, regional knowledge is important as well. Dawn responded that CMAP doesn't have the appropriate information – the anti-degradation analysis which IEPA collects – to adequately weigh in. Goals for infill and redevelopment would be incorporated in the review through the population forecasts for subzones. One member suggested incorporating the newer tools at our disposal, is there is a TMDL implementation plan? Is there a watershed plan? Are there violations to the NPDES Phase II for MS4s? CMAP's role can add value to the state's review by asking questions that cut across department boundaries.

The committee responded well to the general thesis that the FPA review process should be aligned to the GO TO 2040 plan. They also supported inclusion of the green infrastructure network in the review process but stated that green infrastructure isn't going to compensate for new point sources.

Dawn asked how GO TO 2040's goal to manage energy resources could be incorporated. After discussion, the committee saw value in developing a checklist that would cover a range of items, like does the wastewater treatment plant utilize digester gas or have plans to use electricity at off-peak hours. The checklist could add value simply by providing information about different steps the applicant could take. One member brought up the state revolving loan fund for green infrastructure.

Dawn asked whether the criteria review language should be changed to align with core goals of GO TO 2040 or should they be eliminated. One member believes that we need the criteria, stating that this is technical and cannot be supplanted by GO TO 2040.

Dawn asked about partners CMAP should engage with to review the revised manual. In addition to the sanitary districts and villages, trade associations, developer organizations, and counties were offered. One member recalled a previous decision that the ENR committee was going to be receiving notifications of FPA proposals but they haven't received one for a while. Dawn explained that there were only 2 last year.

Jesse wondered what the committee thought about asking municipalities to pass a resolution stating their commitment to advancing Green Infrastructure protection and Water Conservation ordinances. The committee expressed support; it puts the communities on record. The committee raised questions about how this would work for applicants who don't have land use

authority. Discussion also included concerns about farmland preservation and the involvement of the Department of Agriculture in the review process.

Dawn stated that she will be looking to come back to the committee to provide an update.

#### 7.0 Other Business

One member returned to the topic of the 5 model plans, ordinances and code projects for FY 2014 and the importance of updating existing model ordinances for stormwater.

## 8.0 Public Comment

None.

## 9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 5, 2013 at 9:30 am.

# 10.0 Adjournment